THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) based Diesel Power Plant (22.90 MW) near Dimapur is envisaged to be set up in Nagaland during Tenth Plan. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has sanctioned and released Rs. 32.00 crore from Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) during 2003-04 (against the total project cost of Rs. 105.57 crore). The project is currently under hold for want of tie up of remaining funds.

MEGA Power Project Policy

3669. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Mega Power Project Policy of Government, Thermal Power Projects having a capacity of 1000 MW or more selling power to more than one State are exempted from all customs and other duties levied by Government;

(b) if so, the details of units which have come up under this policy and the exemption that Government has given to such units since the implementation of the Mega Power Project Policy, year-wise; and

(c) the details of Power Projects notified by Government under the Mega Power Project Policy?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) As per the latest amendment to the policy in March, 2003, all inter-State projects which, *inter-alia,* fulfill the basic criteria of minimum threshold capacity of 1000 MW for thermal are eligible for the customs duty waiver subject to meeting conditions laid down in the policy. Lists of projects under implementation by the Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and private sector eligible for benefits under the mega policy year-wise are in the Statement-I and II (See below). Under mega policy, the following exemption has been given to mega power project:

(i) The domestic bidders get deemed export benefits as per the EXIM (Export-Import) policy,

(ii) An income tax holiday of 10 years can be claimed by promoter in any block of 10 years within the first 15 years,

(iii) In order to promote domestic industry a price preference of .15% is being given for the domestic manufacturers,

(iv) The State Government have been requested to exempt the supplies made to Mega Power Plants from sales tax and local levies.

(c) In the mega power policy announced by GOI in 1998, Nineteen inter-State and inter-regional power projects were notified as mega power projects. Subsequently, with the approval of Cabinet, one of the project *viz.* Chamera-ll HEP was deleted since its capacity was only 300 MW and hence the list of 18 projects, was notified. The status of the above mega power projects is in the Statement-III.

Statement-I

Thermal Power Projects-certified mega status

SI. No.	Project	Capacity (MW)	Location	Year
Details of projects of NTPC				
1.	Talcher-ll (since commissioned)	4x500	Distt. Angul, Orissa	2003-04
2.	Rihand-ll (Partly commissioned)	2x500	Distt. Sonebhadra, U.P	2003-04
3.	Vindhyachal-lll	2x500	Distt. SUN, M.P.	2003-04
4.	Sipat-I	3x660	Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	2003-04
5.	Sipat-ll	2x500	-do-	2003-04
6.	Kahalgaon-ll Phase-I Kahalgaon-ll Phase-ll	2x500 1x500	Distt. Bhagalpur, Bihar	2003-04
7.	Barh	3x660	Distt. Patna, Bihar	2003-04
8.	Jhanor Gandhar CCPP-ll	1300	Distt. Bharuch, Gujarat	2004-05
9.	KawasCCPP-ll	1300	Dist. Surat,Gujarat	2004-05
Details of project of DVC (Joint Venture)*				
10.	Maithon TPP	1000	Jharkhand	2005

*Accorded in-principle mega status

Statement-ll

Details of Private Sector thermal power projects accorded in-principle mega status

SI.No.	Project/location	Promoters	Capacity (in MW)	Year of in-principle approval
1.	Akhakhol Gas Based Cycle Combined Power Project, Gujarat	M/s. Torrent Power Generation Ltd.	1000+	2004
2.	Kattupalli Cycle Combined Power Project, Tamil Nadu	M/s. Chennai Power Generation Ltd.	1047	2004
3.	Nagarjuna Thermal Power Project, Karnataka	M/s. Nagarjuna Power Corporation Ltd.	1015 d.	2004
4.	Dadri CCPP in U.P	M/s. Reliance Energy Ltd.	1 3500	2004
5.	Coal based TPP at Vile, Maharashtra	M/s. Tata Power Co. Ltd.	1000	2004
6.	Hazira CCGT in Gujarat	M/s. Essar Power Co. Ltd.	1500	2005
7.	Raigarh Thermal Power Project, Chhattisgarh	M/s. Jindal Power Ltd	1000	2005

Statement-III

Project notified as Mega Projects for benefits under Mega Power Policy

SI. No.	Name of the project/State	Capacity (MW)	Status
1	2	3	
Private Sector			
1	Hirma Thermal Power Project, M/s Southern Electric Asia Power Ltd. (SEAP), Orissa	3960	Private project could not materialize. Feasibility studies being carried out by NTPC & NLC to set up plants in Hirma.
2	Cuddabre Thermal Power Project, Tamil Nadu		Proposal could not materialize.

1	2	3	4
3	Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Project, Andhra Pradesh	1500	Private project could not materialize. Feasibility studies being carried out by NTPC/APGENCO.
4	Pipavav Thermal Power Project, Gujarat	2000	Private project could not materialize. Feasibility studies being done by NTPC for a joint venture project with Gujarat Govt
5	Narmada Thermal Power Project (LNG), Gujarat	1000	Proposal could not materialize.
Public Sector			
1	Kahalgaon Thermal Power Project, (Stage-ll) NTPC, Bihar	15	Project under construction.
2	North Karanpura Thermal Power	2000	Clearance for cons-truction Project, NTPC, Bihar of dam awaited.
3	Barh Thermal Power Project (Stage-I), Bihar	2000	Project under imple-mentation.
4	Maithon Thermal Power Project, Damodar Valley Corporation	1000	Project is proposed to be set up as a joint venture, DVC with Tata Power Ltd. Project is proposed for benefits in 11th Plan.
5	Cheyyur Thermal Power Project (Stage-I), NTPC, Tamil Nadu	1500	CRZ clearance pending.
6	Anta CCPP (Stage-ll), NTPC, Rajasthan	1300	Gas yet to be tied up.
7	Auraiya CCPP, NTPC, Uttar Pradesh	1300	Gas yet to be tied up.
8	Kawas CCPP (Stage-ll), NTPC, Gujarat	1300	Under bidding process. MOE & F clearance awaited. Firm Tie-up of gas awaited.

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	GandharCCPP(Stage-ll), NTPC, Gujarat	1300	Under bidding process. MOE & F clearance awaited. Firm Tie-up of gas awaited.
10	Koel Kara HEP, NHPC, Bihar	710	The project could not be started due to local resistance regarding rehabilitation, land acquisition and paucity of funds.
11	Teesta HEP (Stage-V), NHPC, Sikkim	510	Project under execution.
12	Koldam HEP (Stage-V), NTPC, Himachal Pradesh	800	Project under execution.
13	Parvati HEP (Stage-ll), NHPC, Himachal Pradesh	800	Project under execution.

Review of the Electricity Act, 2003

3670. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Electricity Act, 2003;

(b) if so, the. reasons therefor;

(c) the details of proposed amendments to the Act; and

(d) the time-frame by when the Bill amending the Act would be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The National Common Minimum Programme of the Government states that "the review of the Electricity Act, 2003 will be undertaken in view of the concern expressed by a number of States."

The experience of the working of the Electricity Act, 2003 is being reviewed and this exercise is in progress.

Harnessing the waste flowing river waters to generate power

3671. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of potential/untapped sources of hydel power in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that hydel power could be generated by harnessing the waste flowing river waters in some regions of the country;